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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered in light of the following discussion.

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